Rural electrification

†412. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the country particularly in Delhi have been electrified;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) if not, the number of villages yet to be electrified; and

(d) by when all the villages in the country are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per CEA report, out of 5,93,732 inhabited villages as per 2001 Census, 4,87,351 villages have been electrified as on 31st December 2007 in the country. As regards Delhi, all the 158 villages in the State stand electrified.

(b) State-wise status of village electrification as on 31-12-2007 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) As on December 2007, there were 106381 villages yet to be electrified, as per the progress report published by CEA.

(d) The continuation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in the Eleventh Plan period has been approved for attaining the goal of providing access to electricity to all households, electrification of about 1.15 lakh un-electrified villages and electricity connection to 2.34 crore BPL households by 2009. The capital subsidy of Rs. 28000 crores during the Eleventh Plan period, at this stage has been provided.

Statement

Status of village electrification as on 31.12.2007

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total No. of inhabited villages as per 2001 census	Total No. of villages electrified as on 31.3.2006	Achievement during 2007-08 (upto 31.12.2007)	Cumulative achievements as on 31.12.2007	Balance No. of villages to be electrified as on 31.3.2007
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26613	26613		26613	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3863	2195		2195	1668
3.	Assam	25124	19741		19741	5383
4.	Bihar	39015	20620		20620	18395
5.	Delhi	158	158		158	0
6.	Jharkhand	29354	9119		9119	20235
7.	Goa	347	347		347	0
8.	Gujarat	18066	17986	2	17988	78
9.	Haryana	6764	6764		6764	0
10.	Himachal Pradesh	17495	17169	14	17183	312
11.	J&K	6417	6304		6304	113
12.	Karnataka	27481	27125		27125	356
13.	Kerala	1364	1364		1364	0
14.	Madhya Pradesh	52117	50213		50213	1904
15.	Chhattisgarh	19744	18830	47	18877	867

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16	Maharashtra	41095	36038	39	36077	5018
17	Manipur	2315	1942	11	1953	362
IS	Meghalaya	5782	3428		3428	2354
19	Mizoram	707	570		570	137
20	Nagaland	1278	823		823	455
21	Orissa	47529	26535		26535	20994
22	Punjab	12278	12278		12278	0
23	Rajasthan	39753	26676	395	27071	12682
24	Sikkim	450	425		425	25
25	Tamil Nadu	15400	15400		15400	0
26	Tripura	858	491		491	367
27	Uttar Pradesh	97942	83558	2086	85644	12298
28	Uttaranchal	15761	15055	26	15081	680
29	West Bengal	37945	34555	1867	36422	1523
	TOTAL (STATES)	593015	482322	4487	486809	106206
	TOTAL (UTs)	717	542		542	175
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	593732	482864	4487	487351	106381

SOURCE:—Progress report published by CEA

Setting up of hydro electric projects by MNCs

413. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

whether Government is planning to set up hydro electric projects in the country with the help of Multi-national Power Companies (MNCs); and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Tackling power shortage

† 414. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

the current power generation and requirement in the country;

the quantum of power required after five years;

the steps being taken by Government to meet the shortage of power; and

whether Government would consider the illumination of highways through solar energy so as to meet the power shortage?

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